MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB
DIRECTORS' MEETING
January 27, 1996

Pres. Wille opened the meeting at 7:20 PM & asked for a reading of the minutes of the Nov.Directors' meeting. The Secretary read the minutes which were approved as read.

He discussed the completion of the membership certificate,and asked for a volunteer to handle the issue of paper at general meetings. Members may pick up their certificates at meetings, except out-of-staters and non-attendees. Jim Tromblay will handle this.

He passed a sign-up sheet around to sign up for Board meeting locations for 1996.

Fred Linn reported on Travis Baird, who is now at home in bed-they have full-time help to assist Marian with his care.

A discussion of possible candidates for the June election was held. Officers and Directors will be elected at the June meeting. Most of the Officers terms are running out,and most of the present officers have been in place for several years-likewise with some Directors. Pancho will head up a nominating committee.

Discussion was held on the subject of the membership meeting later in January. The subject will be antennas. Roger Zaun, Fred Linn, and Ed Wille will be the leaders,and will field any or all queries. They will handle the table arrangements and bring various antennas and measuring equipment. We will have reference material and Fred Linn will bring a pass-out for the members.

Pancho reported on Irv Weinman's article on hidden antennas. The Pres. suggested round table discussions for future meetings every 3-4 months. Rotate these with video presentations (every 3-4 mo's) It was noted that dealer participation which used to be the main item in a ham meeting is now nil.

A new column in the Chatter will be a DX feature by Pancho encourage talks (or articles) on band useage and operations-give Pancho activity reports. Discussion on Field Day operation, sites, and antennas-Fred will obtain permission for operation again at Pioneer Village, and will give serious thought to antennas for CW operation.W9GA is looking forward to attending-Fred will co-ordinate dates with him and will put up some antennas before hand as experiment.

Writing an article for local publications, and particularly for Smoke Signals was suggested.

Ken Eggert gave a Treasurer's Report showing the club quite solvent with an asset total of $15790.31,including CD's totalling $12000.00 A discussion ensued on the advisability of keeping a moderate balance on hand in the checking account-this was approved.

The Pres.reviewed our earlier VEC performance.Our 3 recent sessions have been fairly well attended, and we are volunteered at the AES Superfest. He reported on a group calling themselves "Extra Class Licensees" They do the testing and pass the results to us to proccess and file. We would net $2.00 (each test);they would retain $4. We would furnish all paperwork and processing, but we have no means of supervising the testing,and yet we would be certifying the filing. They schedule time, date, and place,but are the tests genuine, and properly administered? We should take control and call the shots according to our President's views.

The Pres. reminded us that we are again scheduled at Grays Lake this year. In this year's operations, if the applicant has no license with him-no test. He also suggested that our testing team be equipped with a simple and portable duplicating machine as an adjunct to improved processing. Obviously, we again need volunteers to assist in testing and processing.

Questions were raised on the advisability of procuring a video for instruction in test procedures. Too many "helpful" suggestions are offered at the last minutes. This should be worked out before we even get to Gray's Lake (or any testing site).

It was reported that W9GA has suggested an on-the-air course of code instruction. This was Irv's work at Ft. Monmouth during the war, and is thus he is quite experienced.What group is interested? On which bands will these be conducted (Ham bands),in the Novice portion or the repeater which would bother no one, but would not give actual operating conditions as they would find them? Good idea-check it out. When determined, publish in Chatter.

We will be attending the AES function, and the question arose, do we have any signs,banners, or placards to identify our effort?

The Pres. asked about this year's schools-are we to have any,where and what dates? Do we have publicity, brochures, or pass outs of any sort? We are designing a new QSL card-any suggestions?

The Pres. also brought up the fact that we are imposing upon the Methodist Manor with our operations, and we really should procure other quarters, as their requirements have changed, and he fears that we are in their way.

A discussion was held on Life Memberships, and exactly how is a life membership defined. Also, should we add a special recognition to our membership certificate?

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Linn

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB
Board of Directors Meeting
Feb. 26, 1996

Pres. Wille opened the meeting at 7:20PM at the home of Jerry Thompson,and asked for the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

He passed sign up sheets around for members to sign up to host future meetings. Fred Linn asked to be shifted from Aug. to Oct.

He brought up the subject of the "running war" between the the ARRL and the NCVEC, (we are a member of the NCVEC). The last meeting at Gettysburg decided by those present that the NCVEC would incorporate, due to the liability threat-they are now incorporated. As soon as this happened, the ARRL could not participate,as it is a corporation of its own. We then received a letter from Tunstell of ARRL saying that since they were no longer part of the action, please do not use our name! No employee of the ARRL should have anything to do with the NCVEC.

This was published, but one of the members of the QPC was a member and an employee of ARRL. Thus, he was asked to resign by the NCVEC. This member had been a heavy contributor to the program in the past and had been very active in the original formation. An election was held to elect a replacement, whereupon the ARRL said they couldn't take that action, as the FCC had stated that this committee had to represent all of the participants in the program.

The ARRL stated that the organization is processing about 30% of the licenses issued. Thus, there is a feud going on between the various organizations, W5YI, NCVEC, ARRL, etc. We are a member of ARRL and are a VEC in our own right. There is no limit to the number of members, and there appears to be no reason why the ARRL member who was removed, could not function.

We received a letter from Tunstall concerning this action, and they are expecting an answer. Les Petersen called Tunstall, finding out that he was "out of the office", and could not be reached! We are in a good position in all of this, except that Les and Jack's status has not been properly resolved.

The Pres. also mentioned that we have been having 6 people at a testing session which might have 4 or 5 people in attendance. He suggested elimination of some sessions, as there are more organizations now testing than when we first started. The former of the SWAT team can no longer function, and no one has been found to take over. Kate was very concerned about this as she had money collected from previous sessions, back to 1992, 93,& 94, and didn't know what to do with it.Ed accepted the money as the MRAC VEC, and turned it over to the MRAC Treasury.

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If we are going to continue to run testing at the Wauwatosa Savings Bank in Oak Creek, some one has to pick up the key on Saturday afternoon. The Bank did not like the fact that we were using the rear entrance, as they were worried that some one would leave it open, as then the BANK would have an open door! After all of this,Ed will show the record book to the Treasurer as he has deposited $435 into the account, and should be properly accounted for.

These are properly the MRAC funds, as the SWAT team is an extension of MRAC, and funds are thus receivable from their efforts. We cannot continue to meet at the Bank unless we have liability insurance. We have found that the level of testing is decreasing, probably due to drying up of the pool of those wishing "Codeless Tech" classification. He will reserve judgement on the entire test procedure, as we seem to be doing much better at Hamfests, and it might be advisable that if the trend continues, that we reduce the testing frequency.The Pres.recommended a Testing Committee, rather than having one person be responsible for the entire procedure.

He pointed out that Jim Stout, a member, is running the Saturday sessions at Oak Creek,& Ed is willing to do the electronic filing of the results. He discussed the difficulties of filing of information due to poor writing on the Form 610. The 610 is no longer sent to the FCC-the information goes by electronic filing.

The President asked for a Treasurer's report-stated as follows:

Total: $16033.30

$ 144.00	Dues	149 members
$ 505.19	MRAC	
$ 55.36	Rptr	Renewed 2 C-D's 1-3000, 1-4000
$ 2269.29	VEC	
$ ~~480.00~~ $465.08	Swat team	

Dave De Feboe reported the school opening on Mar. 27th this year to finish in May. Ed has contacted Phil, who feels that a code class would be permissable at our present location.Ed felt that staggering the code instruction by speeds would be a better way to minimize conflicts. Code instruction is sent by hand.

Ed referred to articles in QST, speaking of handouts. He also requested that Directors be alert for printed charts, data, slide rules, etc., which could be reproduced and passed out to members. If suitable data are found, it can be reproduced in quantity. Example: Antenna data on off center feed, with diagrams and parts lists, Ohms law slide rules...parallel resistance...amplifier gain, etc.

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Antenna istallation was discussed for Field Day, and it was agreed to make an early installation of a couple for experimental trials. Irv Weinman has agreed to join us, and will bring his tuner as well as the rig he used the last time.

Dave De Feboe has distributed publicity for the school, i.e.,Radio Recyclers- urged additional distribution. Also, discussed the subject of advertising in Smoke Signals.

Also discussed Publicity Chairperson-all phases of the Club. By-Laws designate the 1st V.P. as the responsible chair.

Nominations were discussed and the committee was advised to obtain early committments. Present nomination recommendations in May for the June election.

John Merkl volunteered to help Jim Tromblay in the Field Day organ ization of the site and set-up. The subject of increased man-power for night operating was discussed, as lots of opportunities exist after dark.

Fred Linn will take care of the sanitation requirements, and it will be located in the customary place.

The folding machine was discussed, and it was agreed to dispose of it-advertize, give it away, or deep six.

A tour of the Microphone museum was suggested as an alternative program,and arrangements are to be made with Bob Pacquette.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Linn

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB
DIRECTORS' MEETING-MARCH 25, 1996

Pres. Wille called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, and requested the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were read and approved.

He requested the status of the school, and Dave DeFeboe reported the school would open on March 27th and end on May 22d. (9 wks). The code class will run 13 wpm, for Novice and Tech. Jim Tromblay will conduct the code instruction in the basement, but will need more light. 2 blind persons were reported as being instructed in Theory, and in their cases, 5 wpm success, guarantees them 20 wpm credit.

Membership applications have been received and are ready for signatures.

Exams will be held at the April 27th session at AES.

When signing up for the school sessions, the student also signs on as a member of the club, and receives a membership certificate automatically, and will receive the Chatter.

Pres. inquired about the Chatter and the scanner previously discussed. Pancho has called the dealer who does not have the requested model (not available).He will procure an up-dated model,which will require additional time to acquire, (at additional cost).

Jim Tromblay was requested to report on preparations for Field Day. He recalled other years' experiments with antenna location and felt that we had all materials on hand. We have a TA33 Mosely for the outing,and Ed Wille points out the need for additional support, guy ropes and stakes, as well as the main mast, tower, etc. Fred Linn suggested the use of a 40' metal ladder now in the baggage room of the depot. Fred also re-emphasized the need to pick up all stakes after tear-down, as the County mows this grass, and does not take kindly to running onto a steel stake with the mower blades!

Plans for the site utilization are much the same. There have been no significant changes except the caboose installation, and that is out of the way and will not bother our operation.

Better attendance is needed, particularly for nightime operation, Jim Tromblay pointed out that he cannot bring more material as his truck is now loaded. Since this is all his own gear, he suggests others bring some of theirs, particularly since Ed Wille's car is also full up, and if special equipment is required, bring it! The food situation was reviewed, pointing out that nite operation makes additional food and drink a consideration.

2 meter operation was discussed,& Jim pointed out that 2 meter contacts are more fruitful than on the lower bands. A favorably located beam is a must. Also the need for 2 meter gear.

Fred pointed out that the operational area might be extended toward the river (east), as about 500 feet (East and West) is available, altho'at a lower elevation.This would provide ample separation of antennas without violating official rules of site separation. This would require another power source,battery, generator, etc. This raised a question from the Pres. as to the availability of a small generator from W9MOT. Publicize these considerations in the next club meeting.

Pancho was questioned on the progress of the nominating committee, as we need candidates for officers as well as Directors.

The election was reviewed, and candidates were discussed. We need persons for the offices of Pres., 1st VP, 2d VP, & Sec'y.- Fred and Roger will run as Directors. Pancho is not up for election. Ken Eggert has consented to stay on.
Possible members were discussed and Directors were encouraged to propose additional persons.
Possibilities for future programs were discussed, using live talent from the outside as a alternative to Videotape presentations.
Ed Wille reported on a visit to the GE training center,Will Keller reported that Ron Yokes and Bob Treska were going to give a talk on the history of TV in Milwaukee.Ed suggested to Videotape the pre sentation-perhaps Ron & Bob would give the affair for the MRAC? Perhaps there is a need for making up a history of Radio & TV in Milwaukee. Ralph Evans was suggested as a possible source of info. A meeting at WTMJ with Will Keller was suggested by Jerry Thompson. Ed has discussed Bob Pacquette as another source and has contacted him. He will report later on holding a meeting at Bob's museum.
The Pres. reported that the "VEC FIGHT" has subsided somewhat, and the program is functioning with all parties agreeing to proceed.
The Pres. called upon Jim Tromblay for a repeater report. Jim explained the requirements for moving the repeater. New co-ordination at the proposed site...a frequency for a 440 relay purposes. He has installed a pre-amp. on the repeater receiver, and the new antenna has provided additional gain. A discussion ensued on the physical requirements of housing the equipment at the proposed site. This includes a low antenna support, and small enclosure to house the equipment, power to operate the installation, and insurance to save the owner harmless. This will require considerable prior planning starting with the co-ordination of the new site installation. All details must be worked out before a serious approach can be made to the building owner. Also, the installation permit (if any),from the city of Brookfield may be a sticky wicket!
Any expenditure must be contingent upon increased useage of the present facility.
Ed drew attention to the new QSL which has been designed. Showed a sample for the Directors' information. Favorable comment was received, and a decision was made to print up a supply for Field Day useage.
The Pres. suggested that the Club do something in appreciation for the Bank's concession to our use of the meeting hall. The sound system needs a wireless mike and Ed will meet with them to see if the Club might donate one.
He also suggested donations to the Pioneer Village in appreciation for our use of the grounds. Fred will report suggestions at the next meeting-perhaps a tree planting.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

FRED A. LINN, Sec'y.

MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB
DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 22, 1996

The Pres. opened the meeting at 7:10 PM at the home of John Merkl, and asked for a reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

He reported that the request to make a video tape of the "History of TV in Milwaukee" has been turned down, first was, that we were at WTMJ, and second, Bob Trescott is out of town. When Bob returns, we will try to have him over to meeting, perhaps for a few remarks. This continued with a discussion with Will Keller, who had been called about the recording-this resulted in an engagement to meet at the studios of WTMJ on the 30th of May. This is our annual meeting, so there is probably no problem.

Bob Pacquette has been approached and we have received approval of a meeting at his museum. We are to let him know about date & time. (Aug. or Sept).

He called on the Treasurer for the current Tresurer's Report.

Ken Eggert commented on the museum report, and recommended that we not make the date too far into the fall, as the area is of an industrial nature, parking and security might be a problem.

He reported on the Treasury status as follows:

MRAC Fd.	$ 365.57		
Rptr "	55.36	CD's	$16388.52
VEC "	2351.28		
Money "	1208.63	Total: $3986.24	

He discussed picking up new members, and the Pres.asked Ken to be present at the next school session to find out who is signed up as a club member. Dave De Feboe reported that the lists given to the Treas. are correct and the information is current. Ken reports that he has membership records, and everyone is current with payments.

The Pres. reported that he had procured flowers for Village Manor Park, as a gesture on behalf of Phil Lehman. He is in St. Joe's Hospital, and when Ed spoke with him, he did not sound well. He is back on the repeater, and has lost 30 lbs. with Diabetis.

Ed has procured a short tape on the ICOM 2700H & IYAESU 1000. Roger got a tape on Antarctica from QCWA.

The Pres.announced the next meeting as May 30th at the old studio of WTMJ for a tour of the new studio facilities, with a possibility of touring the transmitter.

Pancho reported on the candidates for the May election:

Ken Eggert will remain as Treasurer

Three Directors will stay

Candidates for the remainder will be published in the Chatter.

The Pres.read the requirements for elections at the Annual Meeting. The meeting will also receive annual reports from the various officers and Directors. The quorum for the election shall be 15% of the membership entitled to vote, including signed proxies, now in the Pres. files. Roger suggested announcing in the chatter that the proxy can be received in lieu of a vote in person.

Since Sterman Printing is out of business,Ed took the Chatter draft to Office Depot, and they printed it in less than an hour (200 copies) for 1/2 the previous price from Sterman.

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A discussion ensued with a very favorable feeling that the publication performance of Office Depot justifies the continuing their use-better service, lower cost, and decreased operations at Jerry's end. Next Chatter will be published this way to provide a final test.
Ed asked about what is required for the Field Day event. Jim Tromblay and John Merkl will officiate, but need help in set-up. John is working on set-up materials, and reports Bessie and Lynn Bye to take care of the food. Maps were sent to Pancho for the Chatter, & a sign up sheet is to be provided for the event. The subject of antennas was raised...1 antenna for 40 & 80, the other for 20,15,&10. We will prepare these ahead of time.
It was suggested that the club purchase the generator that Ken is selling-purchased approved.
Byron Bye is handling publicity for the field day event.
Dave DeFeboe reported on school activities- 4 weeks have been completed, 5 weeks to go. 7 students are presently in attendance.
The club has a table at AES for Friday and Saturday, Friday 3-5, Saturday 9-5, and we have testing space in the shipping room at 9 till closing-need help in manning the table. We will set up a sign and we will have literature. Ed has a list of activities,and we have 20 things that the club is doing-listed on flyer sheet.
MRAC is a VEC in its own right, one of the few clubs who are a VEC. This is a club function-funds from the VEC are carried in the club treasury, and the club carries liability insurance. This point should be publicized, as most clubs are ARRL or W5YI affiliated. No more VEC's are being added, and some VEC's are quitting. It is down from 18 to 16. We need help to continue, as our present personnel are in long service.
Roger Zaun pointed out that the 1st VP is responsible for programs and should assemble a program committee, so that the activities can be planned well ahead, preferably at least 6 months. This will eliminate last minute confusion, and permit orderly scheduling in the chatter.
The question was asked:how about a table at the Cedarburg Hamfest? Who is taking charge?
Question was raised on a committee to handle club packet program as a club activity.
A club patch with a W9RH was proposed, but no formal designation was finalysed.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 28, 1996

President Wille opened the meeting at Dave De Febo's house at 7:20 PM, and called for the reading of the previous meeting's minutes. Minutes were approved as read.

Ken Eggert gave his Treasurer's Report

MRAC Fd.	$	11.72
Rptr Fd.		58.61
VEC Fd.		2479.61
Mon. Mark.		1211.00

CD's total $16118.62

Total $ 3760.94

Report was accepted and approved as given.

The Pres. reported that he and Les Peterson were handling the VEC and that Jack Krause was no longer involved. He also reported the puchase of another cavity to help the front end of the repeater. It is important to so locate the cavity so as not to necessitate long cable leads. Question: Locate in separate cabinet or to strap it the side surface? Price: $348.75.
Power supply fuse has been blowing-reason is not obvious at this time.

The arrangements for the annual meeting are complete, and Jerry has made up ballots for the election of Officers & Directors, as required to fill expired terms.A discussion of the election process ensued.If the required 15% of the membership is not voting, proxies will be counted into the process to make up the deficit.

The Pres. announced the aquistion of 2 new members-KB9NRP & KB9NRQ. They are visually impaired and we will arrange for their transportaion-to and from the meetings.

There will be no wireless microphone at the meeting at WTMJ, as any RF equipment must be frequency co-ordinated prior to set-up. He asked that Directors assist with crowd handling.

A discussion of Field Day setup and procedure was held. Ed Wille & Jim Tromblay will bring generators,batteries,cords,etc. The Village has quite a bit of extension cord which may be used if needed.

Food handling and water was discussed. Water will be available from the Village supply,and a wash sink will be supplied for use next to the Port-a-Potty. Fred Linn will order and arrange.

Fire extinguishers were discussed-depot has some for emergency use.

Orv Stewart discussed the use of packet radio-2 m. simplex. He has Kenwood and Amplifier for use. Group needs rotors & controls, also batteries and chargers. Bring clip boards for logging.

Also discussed issuance of cards and patches for participation.

Fred Linn pointed out the availability of a 40 ft. extension ladder as an antenna support. This ladder has hollow rungs.

All were requested to arrive on site at 0800 hours. Start transmiting at 1300 hrs.Chatter will carry information and a location map.

Jim Tromblay gave a short explanation of Packet techniques, and the feasibility of a club packet station was discussed. A club session in Sept/ Oct. was suggested for the information and guidance of all concerned.

Ed announced that he was attending a Gettysburg conference of VEC's, July 18-19th. He also annoiunced the next testing session at Oak Creek-June 2d (Sat.) He also asked that someone notify Kate of the conclusion of testing at 84th St.

It was suggested that the "Duties of Officers & Directors" be published for guidance of all concerned.

The next meeting was announced at Jim Tromblay's home, June 24th.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred A. Linn

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

COPY FOR PANCHO

For the information of all members:

The notice of an Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors, will be published in the May issue of the Chatter, in lieu of individual notification to each member.

It should be noted that the signed Proxy, now in the President's file, may be used in voting an absentee person, and will be used in the determination of the required 15% of the membership.
(Section 5, Article VI of the MRAC By-Laws)

Fred A. Linn

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club 6/24/96
Directors Meeting @ Jim's QTH

Our President, opened the meeting at 7:22pm

Absent Jerry , Roger , Pancho

Ed requested that the minutes of the previous meeting be read. Minutes were approved as written.
Ken gave a brief treasures report, we have $15,653.90 total in all MRAC funds including the CD's.

Ed, Jim, and Ken gave a very brief report on field day . All reported that they had a very nice time. And too bad that the band conditions were so bad. Everyone seemed to be clustered in small sections of the bands. 80 and 40 were very crowded.
Ed wants all Field Day participants to get a certificate or patch for coming.
Comments were made that those who just came for a visit and didn't help operate or setup the stations should not get anything.
Ed reports that Bill N9IBU will check on getting jackets made with MRAC on them. And how much this will cost.

The board votes unanimously to have a field day patch instead of a certificate. However, no one was designated to take the responsibility to have the patches made.

Ed and Carlos both reported that our new blind ham had a very good time making his first HF contact at field day.

Ed stated that he feels that MRAC should provide a contribution to both Pioneer Village and Wauwatosa Bank in appreciation for the use of there property.

Fred states that Pioneer Village could use a sound system at the depot. Fred will check into this further and report.
Ed would like to provide some video's on trains copied from Russ Zetner.

Ed feels that the board members who were present at field day should brag about the good time we had at the general membership meeting.

Fred reported on the QCWA response to the elimination of code at the 1999 world radio conference. The QCWA was very negative.
Ed reports that the VEC team members (Jack and Les) will not be going to Gettysburg this year. Ed will be going with a guest. He also reminded the board that the VEC is part of MRAC and the club is responsible for it's reputation and feels that some how the club should exercise more control over its operation. Ed says that Jack still wants to help at

times but doesn't want the total responsibility any more. Also that Les Peterson has been a big help with the computer.

We are testing at Grays Lake this year but only if we don't have to pay for the tickets. Our cost to show up should at least provide us with a ticket. Ken said we made money last year. Kate feels that we should charge $6.00 starting in January for all test. Kate is questioning if the rate should be variable, similar to a system that W5YI has, based on the number of people that show up.. The general response was that the rate should be fixed. Ed definitely wants to charge $6.00

Variable rate changed to VE team based on How many showed up for testing

Ed suggested to Dave that maybe we should try Gorden West material at the next school instead of the ARRL material. Dave says he will check to see what is available. He also reports that the school is about 20 years old now since he has been involved. Started in 1976 and we have had over 500 students.
Ed says the school always needs more members to help. That we should be very proud of the people who give up their time to do this. Especially Dave.
Concern on weather we will have the nursing home much longer and where will we go to teach new classes. Ed feels that we are way over extending ourselves at the nursing home.

Jim and Ed report that the repeater cavity is still not installed do to lack of time to get it done.

Carlos mentioned that his phone number is wrong in the Chatter.

Ed saysthe club needs a equipment custodian and an inventory needsto be completed.
Ed volunteered to be the new custodian and he will rent a locker to store the equipment.

Ed requestedFAX machines for Jim and Pancho to improve communications. He ask the board for approval. The vote was unanimous to go ahead. Ed estimated the cost at about $180.00 per machine.

Jim was instructed to pickup both machines.

Printing of the ham chatter is now about half of what we paid before. Jerry and Dick could always use more help, however Dick says that they have a very good system now.

Kate has volunteered to proof read the chatter for Pancho so Ed and Sue don't have to do it any more.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:31

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim WB9LNU Secretary

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club 7/22/96

Directors Meeting Roger's QTH

All Officers present.

Ed, our president, started the meeting at 7:02PM

ED asked that the minutes of the previous directors meeting be read. And asked if there were any corrections. Kate stated that she was misquoted on what she meant on a variable rate in reference to the VEC program. Corrections were made and recorded.
Treasures report- $2794.52 in our regular fund. (Total)
The general fund is approximately $500 in the hole, however money is available in the money market and will be shifted to cover the expenses.
Both Ed and Ken feel that the amount in the CD's does not have to be mentioned in every treasures report, only the amount in the general fund.

Ed and Ken reported to the group on their adventures at Gettysburg and the communication problems between the various VEC's and the meeting moderator.
They also reported that the FCC will have the vanity call on the internet and that the people can pay for the service with their credit card.
They also report that Gorden West and Ameco have books available that we can use for our school at a 30% discount. The club could sell these books and make a 30% profit.
Ed says that the ARRL representative is back in the question pool committee. And finally, that many of the questions the group had were left unanswered.
Ed says that he had some trouble sending in the results of an exam session because the FCC computer was down. However, the problem has been rectified and he was able to resubmit the files.

Pancho and Jim report that they both have their FAX machines and Jim says his is working fine. Pancho is still connecting his up.

Jim gave the 1996 field day report.

Ed introduced the inventory of club property made by Jim and copies were given to all officers and directors. Approval and updates should be provided to Jim by the next board meeting.

Dave says that school will be at Manor Park again in Sept.
Kate says that the 145.13 group used a library for their school and we could possibly do the same if needed. Ed mentioned that perhaps the classes could be held at AES.

Jerry reports that 175 chatters are being sent out monthly.

The decision was made to order 225 so extra's were available for at the stores and a few at testing sessions.

Ed reports that the Xmas party arrangements are coming along and that he ordered the same entertainment that we had last year. He wants the group to give some thought to what else we should do for prizes etc:
Jerry suggested that we start putting info in the chatter about the party and ask the membership for some ideas.

Ken needs more membership applications and questioned if they should stay the same or if we should change the wording. The group elected to keep the form as is except with no year at the top so the excess can be used the following year.

Thanks were given to Roger for the treats and the use of his QTH.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Accepted as is!
8/26/96

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ATTENTION: COMMUNITY ROOM USERS

Beginning August 13, 1996 I will be accepting WRITTEN requests for the use of our meeting room for the 1997 calendar year.

We will be following the same scheduling procedure as in the past. WRITTEN REQUESTS will be accepted by civic, fraternal, non-profit or charitable organizations. Please provide the name of the group, the contact person's name, his (her) office and home telephone numbers, and mailing address.

I will notify the group's "contact person" to confirm the dates or to make other arrangements if there are any conflicts.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Customer Service Representative

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Approved as written!
9/23/96

MRAC Directors Meeting 8/26/96

Meeting started at 6:58PM at our Presidents QTH.

Absent: Pancho and Fred

Previous minutes were read and approved as written.

Ken's treasures report------ Two CD's came due and we received $700.00 which will be used in the general fund. Ken also reports that he has not done anything yet with the member renewal forms.

Ed reports that he received a call from Wauwatosa Bank that as of 1/1/97 our meeting room will no longer be available due to a remodeling of bank offices.
We need ideas for a new meeting place. Ed says we can use the Redemption Church meeting hall until we find something else. Roger says, "Perhaps we should see if a community room is available in the area similar to the one on 76th and Good Hope."
Ed and Ken volunteered to check things out and report to the board.

The Oak Creek Wauwatosa Bank can still be used, as of now, for VEC testing. Ed would like to see if we could get someone else to volunteer to be a team leader for testing in addition to Jim Stout. Ed also would like the board members to get more involved with the VEC program since this is MRAC VEC. Ed wants to put the names of the VE's that help out each month in the Chatter so our members can see who is doing all the volunteer work.

Dave reports that school will start 9/11 and at that time we will see how many students we actually have.
VEC testing will be given by the teacher of the class along with two other VE's at the end of school from now on.

Ed points out that Pancho is doing a nice job for us on the Chatter and we should be nice if we point out any mistakes.

Ed wants to know what else besides video's should we use at club meetings.

Dave says he will do some stuff on basic computers for a program. And Rick Kissle can give a talk on the DX Club. Dave says there seems to be some interest out there on fast scan amateur TV and we should give a talk on that and get some video's on the subject. We could also demo the clubs Fast Scan TV equipment we got from Travis, W9VQD.

Carlos----- What happened to the MRAC Packet Repeater idea?
Ed--------- Nothing to date.
Carlos says that he will put some MRAC info out on some of the area's existing BBS. Meeting times and our school, etc:

Ed ------- How can we get more people involved with club functions?
------- No answers!!!! No idea's given.

The board has decided that only new members will get a membership certificate this year and in 1997. No date stickers will be used.

The board as a whole feels that we should have some goodies to give out to people that help out with club events, such as T-shirts and hats etc: that say MRAC on them.

The question of club jackets came up. We decided that one similar to Jerry's would be nice.
Jim suggested that all the directors should have one first and then show the members what is available. All the directors should checkout what is available and how much this will cost and what quantity we would be required to order.

Jim showed his proposal on a club patch and merit badge type system that could be used on the jackets.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Next directors meeting to be at Dick's QTH on Sept. 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU

Secretary

Accepted as written.

MRAC Board Meeting 9/23/96

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 at Dick's,KA9MTY's QTH.

The previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.
Treasures Report------ See copies attached.

Ed--- Everything is ready for our future meetings at Redemption Church. Ed thought maybe it would be nice if we had a special food menu for our first meeting at the new location. Wants idea's.

Questions were brought up about packet and a club digipeater. And a packet demo at a club meeting would be nice to show everyone exactly what it takes to connect a station and make it operate. Ed asked Dave to see what he can do to set this up for a future club meeting.

Again it was decided that no certificates for existing members will be issued. Only new members will get one.

Xmas party date is Dec. 8 and we should start advertising in the next Chatter.

The November meeting will be the Wed. before Thanksgiving.

The price for Xmas dinner is still to be determined and Ed will try to get a list of the menu's. There will be a food order form in the Chatter.
We will have the same Organist as last year. Cost $50.00.

Prizes as follows 12 plants
$100.00 cash prize
$50.00 cash prize
2 -$25.00 cash prizes
plus
$200.00 in other prizes such as Wine etc:
And any donated prizes we receive.
All in an effort to send everyone home with something.

Fred says--" We should give away pillows, so we will have something to fall back on! "

Reservations should be color coded for food selection. All kept in envelopes with name badges.
Reservation deadline is Dec.1.

November board meeting will be at Ken's QTH.
Nov. 25 is the board meeting and the 27th is the club meeting.

Dave---- Perhaps no school this spring due to low attendance this fall.

If we have to pay for our class room next year, then we must make sure that we will have enough students. We also must consider where the next class might be located.

Ed---- The list of volunteer VE's is going to be revised. Kate will send out a questionnaire to all existing VE's to find out if they want to continue to help with the program and if so, when.

On January 1st the FCC will increase the amount that can be charged for giving a test. The board approved unanimously to charge the maximum allowed. The extra 25 cents or so add up quickly. The extra made on this might pay for a xerox mach.
Ed---- I would like someone else to take over net control on Friday night's once and awhile.
The board suggested that a regular member should be asked to do this duty and not always a board member.
Ed also wanted to know if we should put a MRAC Fast Scan TV on the air. What should we use for program material.
Dave says that ARES is looking for something like this and perhaps we could offer our service.

Jerry---- The club could use a new banner. Ed---- Yes, the one we have is out of date. What should it say? No decision was made.

Meeting adjourned at 9:58pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

Directors Meeting 10/28/96

Meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

Absent------ Jerry Wa9SFH

Previous meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

Ken's Treasurers report------ $2,252.00 in general funds plus the CD's.

Ed---- An intercom was supplied to Redemption Church as payment for the use of the hall for the year of 1997. While on the subject, we have not given Wauwatosa Bank anything for the use of their room all these years. The board was asked if they would like to give a painting or something to the bank. No decision was made. Ken's says the Wauwatosa Bank is the best place to leave our CD's at this time, if it is O.K. with the board. All approved.

Ed------ The Xmas party seems to be in order. Ken will make name tags and dinner tickets like he did last year.

Dave--- Will make a date base file for all the info on the member renewal forms. Carlos offered to enter the information into the date base.

Ed------ Tested the ATV equipment we received from Travis. All works O.K. We can go on the air with a club test pattern.

Roger ---- Thought that a club project on receiver converter kits would be nice or building UHF antennas for the project at a club meeting. Ed will bring the ATV system to a club meeting for a demo.

Ed------- Informed the group of Rick Kissel's letter to the MPS about providing video tapes to the schools about Amateur Radio. To date no response to the letter has been given. Ed will keep us informed.

Ed----- Want's to know if we should invite the newly elected Vice Division Director of the ARRL to our club meeting and help finance his stay here. The vote was unanimous---- Yes. We will also consider inviting other clubs to this meeting.

Ed------ How should we celebrate our 80th birthday as a club? Special Event and Picnic --- Advertise in QST.

Ed------ AES wants to run a school on Saturday and Sunday. Ed says he will get more details and report to the board. They want us to do the testing and perhaps get involved in teaching the class.

Ed reports that the Einstein video tape is not very good and he may return it.

Roger-------- We should donate to the ARRL for the frequency allocation fight to preserve the ham bands. Ed says that Jack W9JK wants to donate $100.00 from the VEC fund.

Pancho---- Moved that we should donate a total of $200.00. Dave added, that we should ask for donations at the general membership meeting for additional funds above the $200.00. The board accepted this proposal.

Roger ------ We need more material for the monthly club raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim WB9LNU
Secretary

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MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS CLUB
DIRECTORS' MEETING
Nov. 25, 1996

The meeting was held at Ken Eggert's home, and was called to order at 7:30 PM. by the President. Following Directors were present:

E. Wille Pres.
C. Barron
D. DeFeboe
A. Doneis
K. Eggert
F. Linn
G. Schlatterer
J. Thompson

Minutes are being taken by F. Linn in the absence of Sec'y. Jim T. therefore, no minutes of the previous meeting were read.

The President announced the Membership meeting of Wed., Nov. 27th as the last meeting of 1996, and the last use of the hall in the basement of the Wauwatosa Savings and Loan. 1997 meetings will be held on Hwy. 100 in the church.

A discussion of the Christmas Party was held, and the Treas. announced 57 guests signed up as of this date. No badges will be made up, adhesive "stick ons" will be used to reduce secretarial labor. Raffle tickets will be issued, and the bird cage will be used as usual. Prizes to consist of flowers, wine, and cash.

It was announced that we need escorts for the Visually Challenged.

It was announced there would be VEC testing at AES on Sat. Nov. 30th, and help is needed at 2:00 PM. The Pres. discussed removing testing from 84th St.-the response was unanimous.

The President called for help for the Membership Chairman, Jerry Thompson. Carlos volunteered and was accepted. A new roster will be published in 1997.

The Pres. discussed the services from "Office Depot" in the publishing of the Chatter, as Sterman Printing is no longer in business.He suggested obtaining a credit card to simplify dealing and billing. This was approved after a discussion with the Treasurer.

Ed Wille opened a discussion on innovative programs for 1997, as we cannot continue showing videos indefinitely. The subject of ATV was discussed and suggested as a construction project as well as a means to communicate with members-it is hoped that this would stimulate additonal "on the air" participation. Various suggestions included "picture broadcasting", mounting a camera in a captive balloon, and picture broadcasting from our Field Day site for publicity. Also, perhaps broadcast live programs from MRAC meetings.

The subject of "Tests & Measurements" was suggested as an alternative to videos for meetings. This would include the use of test equipment not normally found in "ham workshops"-scopes, impedance bridge, precision signal generators, & perhaps a "Q" meter.

Also, a calculator class-keeping in mind that all students would be using the same model calculator (individual purchase vs. club buying in quantity for better price).

Additional suggestions were solicited to spice up the monthly meetings, and to promote attendance.

It was also suggested that perhaps dissertations by knowledgeable members might be interspersed with other new programs. The presentations might be assisted by slides, exhibits, chalk talks (blackboard, and/or demonstrations of equipment constructed by the presenter.
It was further suggested that a sign-up sheet be available at the desk when entering the meeting hall, including the presenter's name,the subject, and the date of the presentation.This would allow some prior planning, arranging for assistance in materials handling, and could be listed in the Chatter as advance notice of the event.
For the January Board meeting, the Pres. requested a review of the Club's Life Membership status. Also, a discussion of the policy as defined by the By-Laws, as to whether it is realistic, should be changed, or allowed to remain.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED A. LINN
Secretary Pro tem